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announces their annual Easter
Camping keep Aruba clean
campaign



Vanesss Rasmussen of AHATA, Michael Paesch, Mandy Leonaar and Julio Maduro of General Store.

Michael Paesch of Roadmap Solutions and an active member of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) Environmental Committee presented the 2011 logo of their 10th annual "Aruba Ta Dushi, Sin Sushi" (Aruba is sweet without refuse) campaign will take place during Semana Santa, April 17 to May 1.

For many islanders, camping out with the family for the entire week is a favorite pastime over the Easter school break, and AHATA is offering rewards to all those conscientious about policing their area with the "Nos Compromiso" campaign 2011. Stickers that officially

declare participation in the program can be obtained when the AHATA team comes to visit various campsites, during which time they will distribute garbage bags donated by General Store, this year's official sponsor. Placing the stickers on cars, tents or trailers will make sure that judges, who will be visiting the sites on randomly, but frequently, can pick out the participating campers.

Prizes include weekend stays at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort and the Westin Resort & Casino. Two cellular phones from SETAR N.V. will be awarded, as well

as certificates for dinners for 2 at Occidental Grand, Sunset Beach Bistro at the Divi Phoenix, Palm Restaurant in the Hyatt Regency Resort, Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, and Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa. Additional prizes to be won include a gift certificate for 2 to De Palm Island and another for a snorkel-sailing cruise with Red Sail Sports.

The AHATA Environmental Committee wishes all islanders a wonderful week during the school break, and to be aware of the part they play in keeping Aruba's beaches clean.

by Rosalie Klein

Obama proposes \$4 trillion in deficit cuts



WASHINGTON -- AFP photo shows US President Barack Obama speaking on fiscal policy at George Washington University's Jack Morton Auditorium in Washington, DC, yesterday. Obama yesterday unveiled a \$4 trillion dollar deficit reduction effort.



Berlin, Germany -- Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands (L) and wife of Germany's President Bettina Wulff (R) posed with children dressed as clowns during her visit of a circus workshop for school children in Berlin yesterday. The Dutch royal family is on a four-day visit in Germany. (AFP PHOTO)

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Obama proposes \$4 trillion in deficit cuts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama unveiled a \$4 trillion deficit reduction drive yesterday and savaged Republican plans that he said would reward the rich and fracture America's social compact.

Obama laid out his vision in a speech at George Washington University, aiming to prepare the ground for short-term budget fights and define his stand on an issue crucial to the US economy and his 2012 reelection chances.

He proposed cutting spending with a "scalpel and not a machete" on health care costs, the military and some bedrock social programs, and decried the vision of budget-cutting Republicans as "deeply pessimistic."

In addition to cuts in discretionary spending, Obama would finance his deficit drive

with tax increases for affluent Americans. But he warned he would not allow investments in education, broadband and clean energy to be starved.

"The debate about budgets and deficits is about more than just numbers on a page, more than just cutting and spending," Obama said.

"It's about the kind of future we want, it's about the kind of country we believe in."

Obama unveiled a plan to achieve \$4 trillion in deficit reduction over 12 years or less, saying he was borrowing recommendations from a bipartisan fiscal commission which reported last year.

Officials said the approach would shave deficits as a share of the US economy to 2.5 percent of GDP in 2015 and put them on a path to reach close to 2.0 percent by the end of this decade.

Currently, the US budget

deficit is forecast to reach \$1.6 trillion this year and cumulative public debt stands at \$14.27 trillion.

He also proposed a "debt fail-safe" to trigger spending reductions if the ratio of debt to GDP is not stabilized by the end of the decade and said deficit trimming should be phased in over time to protect the recovery.

The president said every sector of government spending should be "on the table," giving notice that social programs cherished by Democrats would not be immune and proposed a fundamental strategic review to mine for waste in military spending.

Portraying himself as a voice of reason and a conciliator amid Washington's fevered political debate, Obama called on Democrats and Republicans to come together to secure a prosperous future for their country.

Air France crash: Tail section found on Atlantic seabed



AFP

The bodies of many of the 228 victims were also found on the ocean floor

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Final Haiti vote results delayed by two days

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haitian authorities have delayed until Monday definitive election results expected to confirm Michel Martelly's landslide presidential win, a government source and a UN official told AFP.

A government source close to the matter said, without expanding, that the conditions had not been fulfilled to present the results on Saturday as scheduled. The new president is due to take office May 14.

"April 18 has been chosen as the date to publish final results for the presidential and legislative elections," a senior United Nations official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The UN official explained

the delay, which was requested by the Provisional Electoral Council, by saying that although the presidential win may have been a landslide, "the legislative elections, however, were very tight."

Former first lady Mirlande Manigat, the loser in the March 20 presidential runoff, has said she will not challenge preliminary results crediting Martelly with 67.57 percent of the vote against her 31.74 percent showing

Martelly, who was until recently a popular singer and carnival entertainer, has already begun taking steps for the transition with the office of outgoing President Rene Preval, a government official told AFP.

Ailing Mubarak, two sons detained for 15 days

CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) - Hosni Mubarak, in hospital after a heart attack, and his two sons were placed under detention yesterday in a probe into violence against protesters who brought about the ouster of the ex-Egyptian president.

A statement on the public prosecutor's Facebook page said chief prosecutor Abdel Maguid Mahmud authorised the detention for 15 days "as part of an inquiry into the use of force against protesters during the unrest in January and February."

Long time Mubarak ally the United States remained

of the jet, may be recovered.

The voice and data recorders could yield crucial clues about the cause of the crash that killed 228 people on the flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.

There has been speculation that malfunctioning speed sensors were to blame, but officials say other factors must also have contributed.

mum on the move, saying it was an internal Egyptian matter.

Earlier yesterday, the official MENA news agency said the 82-year-old Mubarak, in police custody in a Red Sea resort hospital, was in "unstable" condition and under observation.

Later in the day, however, the doctor tasked by prosecutors with assessing Mubarak's health said his condition had improved.

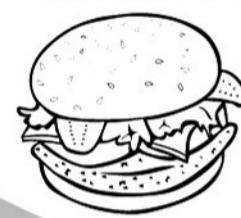
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Cocaine lab found in Honduras signals big shift in drug business

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras -- Counter-narcotics agents in Honduras discovered a major cocaine-processing complex last month tucked in mountainous triple-canopy jungle near the border with Guatemala, a worrisome sign that Colombian drug lords are shifting their operations to the weaker countries of Central America.

The jungle complex was the first large drug-processing laboratory found north of South

America's Andean region, and it signals a major change in the cocaine business. Traditionally, the industry has processed leaves from coca plant in hidden labs in Colombia, then shipped the cocaine to North America and Europe.

Now, however, some traffickers are shipping semi-refined coca paste, or cocaine base, to Honduras, where it goes through the final processing into white powder, police officials think.

Libyan rebels: Colombian female snipers fighting for Gadhafi

Libyan rebels are receiving reports that female snipers from Colombia have joined other mercenaries fighting to keep dictator Moammar Gadhafi in power.

No Colombians have been captured or killed, but rebels this week said they have received accounts of their deadly marksmanship from pro-Gadhafi prisoners and from eyewitnesses in the besieged city Misurata, the largest city in western Libya still under partial rebel control.

Rebel sources said the Colombians are part of a wider force of snipers firing from vantage points atop buildings in Misurata.

The account of the female warriors from Colombia came this week as rebels identified a

host of foreigners fighting for the Gadhafi regime or supplying the dictator with valuable material. Mercenaries are paid up to \$1,000 a day, according to some reports.

A U.S. official, meanwhile, said he doubts that Col. Gadhafi is receiving significant foreign help.

"Gadhafi is basically on his own. He isn't receiving much help - financial, military or otherwise - from his neighbors, even those deemed his friends," the U.S. official said on the condition of anonymity.

However, two Western officials who spoke on background said the mercenaries are likely fighting because of their own individual reasons and not at the behest of another country.

"This is a red flag that Honduras is turning into a processing center," said Honduran Security Minister Oscar Alvarez, who led the raid March 9 by 200 agents to the hidden camp near remote coffee farms on Cerro Negro, a hill several hours to the west of this industrial city.

The site sits close to a river that flows into the Caribbean Sea. Alvarez said he thought that the drug group behind the laboratory was the Sinaloa Cartel, Mexico's most powerful trafficking organization, which has deep ties in Colombia and a growing presence in Central America.

The seizure stunned counter-drug officials from the Andes, through Central America and on up to Washington.

Dutch travel warning for Syria

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- The Dutch Foreign Ministry is advising Dutch nationals not to make any unnecessary trips to Syria. The ministry is concerned about the continuing unrest in towns and cities throughout the country and reports of incidents in which people have been shot dead.

The travel advice is the second strongest type of warning the ministry issues.

Protesters have been demonstrating in Syria since 15 March. They are demanding the release of thousands of political prisoners and an end to the endemic corruption.

Emergency legislation making demonstrations illegal has been in place in Syria since 1963.

Special Guests honored at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Holiday Inn SunSpree guests as Special Aruba Guests. Daniel and Shanelle Primmer, and Michael and Diane Steele were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. They have been vacationing here for 10 consecutive years.

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Bells are ringing from the slot machines at the Seaport Casino



Last weekend, the slot machines at the Seaport Casino were constantly ringing, as ecstatic players won an abundance of jackpots. Mr. Brandon Ullrich, from the U.S.A., had just started playing when to his delight, after inserting a mere \$25 he won a fabulous payoff US\$ 3,228. Seaport Casino invites everyone to come, have a nice time and try their luck and their new machines; it appears they have gone crazy, eagerly providing excellent jackpots for winners.



DOPV denies rumors of increase in minibus tarriffs

ORANJESTAD – A rumor has been circulating on a possible increase of the minibus tariff. DOPV, the Department of Public Personal Transport, categorically denies this rumor.

According to reports, there were announcements indicating that mid-April the tariff will be increased.

Based on this the DOPV looked into the matter, but did not find any announcement.

Besides that, there is no petition at this moment for an increase in the minibus tariffs.

The DOPV will continue with its control and if at any moment the department finds any announcement on the abovementioned matter, it will take legal action.

Aruba Woman's' Club sharing health news

ORANJESTAD -- According to the Women's Club of Aruba (WCA) 70% of all breast cancers are discovered by breast cancer patients themselves. The WCA Health Committee has discussed the various methods being used to share information about breast cancer, such as through lectures, brochures, and other means. They are of the opinion that many women are not comfortable with self examination of their breasts.

For this reason they planned an awareness project to create a medical setting during which female physicians would educate our ladies on exactly how to examine their breasts, hence the reason for the slogan "Siña pa Bo Biba." - "Learn to Live!"

They met with various female doctors. These doctors certainly understand the dilemma that women have. The WCA is also of the opinion that they must extend a helping hand to women in the most effective way possible.

The WCA works in consortium with various organizations such as the Mary Joan Foundation, which is a support group that provides mental support to those with breast cancer. Analiz

Jonkhout is one of the representatives of this group. Long time employee of the Mammappoli who has for many years worked with breast cancer patients at the Hospital will provide directions to the mammappoli at the hospital.

Mrs. Lili Prince of the Wilhelmina Kanker Fonds will explain and demonstrate the different articles that can help after a breast cancer operation. The breast cancer awareness campaign is being held during the month of April 2011, with one session on Saturday April 9th in San Nicolaas at Centro Medico San Nicolaas. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 in Oranjestad at Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. in the afternoon on both days.

Female doctors will be on hand to do breast examinations the correct way. Dr. Sharline Vis will act as the coordinator of the female physicians participating in this Awareness Project dubbed, "Siña Pa Bo Biba." Dr. Roseann Anthony, our young medical professional, participated in the press conference held yesterday by WCA.

During the campaign they

will provide information using the so-called "shower hangers" with ample explanation on how to examine one's breast on a monthly basis. Through the use of a video presentation this will be made crystal clear.

The entire program is being offered completely free of charge. Members of the Woman's Club of Aruba are: President: Mily Henriquez-Vos, Health Com. Chairman: Ruby Narain-Richardson, Committee Members: Greta Williams, Marie Therese Croes, Bernadette Schouten, Rubia Maduro, Yvonne Warren, Filomena Croes, Marilu de Veer and Maysen Duran-Gore.

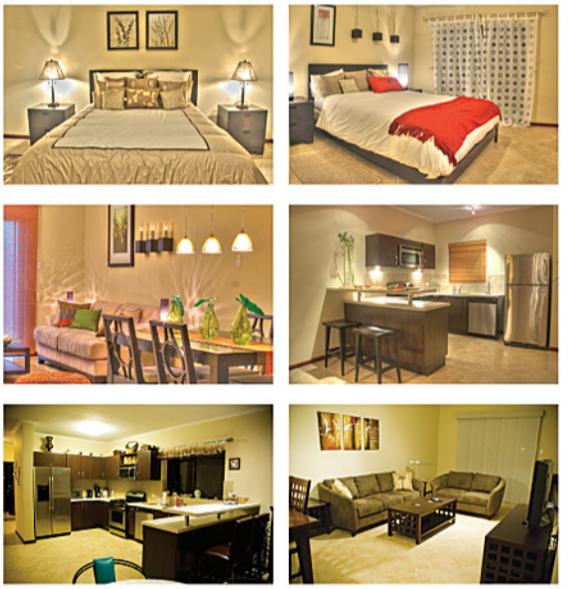
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IMF: EU banks threaten global financial stability

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Eurozone	-4.1	1.7	1.6	1.8
Germany	-4.7	3.5	2.5	2.1
France	-2.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Italy	-5.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
Spain	-3.7	-0.1	0.8	1.6
Britain	-4.9	1.3	1.7	2.3
Japan	-6.3	3.9	1.4	2.1
Canada	-2.5	3.1	2.8	2.6
Emerging and developing economies	2.7	7.3	6.5	6.5
Central and eastern Europe	-3.6	4.2	3.7	4
Russia	-7.8	4	4.8	4.5
Developing Asia	7.2	9.5	8.4	8.4
China	9.2	10.3	9.6	9.5
India	6.8	10.4	8.2	7.8
Latin America/ Caribbean	-1.7	6.1	4.7	4.2
Brazil	-0.6	7.5	4.5	4.1
Mexico	-6.1	5.5	4.6	4
Middle East and North Africa	1.8	3.8	4.1	4.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	2.8	5	5.5	5.9

Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF) AFP

Chart showing IMF world growth forecasts for selected countries to 2012

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Unhealthy European banks are the biggest threat to global financial stability, and they need to find fresh capital, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday.

"Many institutions -- particularly weaker European banks -- are caught in a maelstrom of interlinked pressures that are intensifying risks for

the system as a whole," the IMF said in its Global Financial Stability Report.

"Remaining structural weaknesses and vulnerabilities in the euro area still pose significant downside risks if not addressed comprehensively," it said.

The 187-nation IMF warned of a looming funding challenge for both banks and countries struggling with sovereign debt problems, "particularly in some vulnerable euro area countries."

As a result of the global financial crisis, it said, "banks have sought to raise both the quantity and quality of capital, but progress has been uneven, with European banks generally lagging US banks."

"These low levels of capital make some German banks, as well as weak Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish savings banks, vulnerable to further shocks."

Europe will not escape, IMF economists said, a restructuring of failing banks and a recapitalization of viable banks.

"But it is likely that some of the capital will need to



A view of London's finance district at Canary Wharf

come from public sources," they said.

The Washington-based Fund said financial institutions could build capital by reducing dividend payout ratios and retaining a greater proportion of earnings.

Another possible measure would be a gradual downsizing of balance sheets to reduce capital and funding needs.

Such moves could help avert fire sales of assets, which would only intensify problems in the global finan-

cial system.

"Global banks face a wall of maturing debt, with \$3.6 trillion due to mature over the next two years. Bank debt rollover requirements are most acute for Irish and German banks," the IMF said.

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Sci-Tech

IBM driver tool predicts traffic jams



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — IBM is testing smartphone software designed to predict traffic jams and warn motorists before they even take to the roads.

IBM said late Tuesday that its employees in the San Francisco and Silicon Valley areas of Northern California have been testing technology that "will ultimately help drivers around the world" avoid fouled traffic.

Those involved in the pilot project agree to have location-sensing capabilities in their smartphones automatically track where they drive and when, according to IBM Smarter Traveler program manager John Day.

The information is fed through the Internet to computers that identify patterns such as commutes to and from work.

Meanwhile, data collected from roadway sensors commonly used for online traffic maps is analyzed to determine conditions that usually lead to trouble.

For example, congestion at a certain off-ramp or bridge entrance may consistently lead to traffic backing up in another area.

The smartphone application lets people receive customized alerts warning of probable traffic trouble before they set out on commutes or other routine drives.

Tiger Woods pro golf tour videogame tees off big

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Electronic Arts this week announced that a freshly-released "Tiger Woods PGA TOUR" videogame teed-off with the strongest opening sales in the franchise's 14-year history.

The California-based videogame maker estimated that 225,000 copies of "Tiger Woods PGA TOUR 12: The Masters" were sold in the week after its March 29 release in North America.

Those figures were 17 percent higher than the previous opening week high set by "Tiger Woods PGA TOUR 08" after it hit the market in 2007, according to EA.

"We expected fans to be excited about the Masters and for sales to be up significantly," said EA Sports president Peter Moore. "We're pleased that they are."

Versions of the videogame were tailored for play on Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 (PS3), and Wii consoles. Xbox and PS3 titles were priced at \$60 while the Wii game software was \$50.



UNITED STATES, New York : A mock sauropod's nest is on display at "The World's Largest Dinosaurs" exhibition, an exhibition exploring the biology of sauropods, a group of the largest dinosaurs that ever walked the Earth, during a media preview at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, April 13, 2011. "The World's Largest Dinosaurs" exhibition, which will run from April 16, 2011 to January 2, 2012, draws on cutting-edge paleo-biological research to create an interactive exhibition around sauropods, a group of the largest-ever dinosaurs, some of which grew to be longer than 150 feet and weigh up to 90 tons, around 200 millions year ago. AFP PHOTO

Japan paves way for first child organ transplant

TOKYO (AFP) – Japan this week to undertake its first organ transplant from the body of a child aged under 15, made possible by a legal amendment aiming to save the lives of many children.

The health ministry said that the child, identified only as a boy aged between 10 and 15, was declared brain-dead early on Tuesday after suffering serious head injuries in a traffic accident.

Japan's parliament in mid-2009 scrapped a ban on child organ donations, which activists said had claimed thousands of lives and forced many families to send children in need of transplants on costly overseas trips.

The new law legalising organ donations from under 15-year-olds with their family's consent took effect in July last year.

The Japan Organ Transport Network, the country's only authorised agent for organ transplants, said that the boy's relatives had agreed to the use of his heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine for transplants.

The network said it would select recipients from a waiting list of patients.

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Genital herpes 'contagious even without symptoms'

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Genital herpes can be transmitted even if a person has no symptoms, suggesting a high risk of transmission from people with unrecognized infections of herpes simplex 2, researchers said this week.

The study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association fol-

lowed about 500 people between March 1992 and April 2008. The subjects took daily swabs of their genital secretions for 30 to 60 days.

In the group that reported seeing symptoms of genital HSV, the virus was detected on 20 percent of days, researcher Anna Wald of the University of Washington

told reporters as she presented the findings.

Among those who saw no physical signs, such as warts, sores or lesions, HSV was detected on 10 percent of days.

"When we think about people who have symptomatic genital herpes this means that the virus is present in their genital area on one out

of five days," Wald said.

"In people who have HSV 2 but who don't have a history of genital herpes, the virus is present on the average of one out of 10 days."

Herpes simplex virus type 2 is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases, and researchers estimate that 536 million people are infected worldwide.

Purchasing property in Aruba: Retirement home or investment - why not both?



View of Jardines del Mar community

uation has changed, and we realize we need to be flexible."

Their prime corner units have larger kitchens and terraces than the other Jardines Del Mar properties, along with more windows, spacious rooms with large closets and a huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom, for a total of 2,000 square feet. The kitchen has brand new stainless steel appliances and a microwave, which is included in the sale price, and there is an additional outdoor kitchen and terrace, where they installed a barbecue in their home and entertain frequently. The management boasts a full time concierge, wi-fi, excellent security, and the complimentary fitness room will be completed by the end of 2011. For those considering owning property on Aruba, Terry may have exactly what you seek, at quite a bargain price. For more information call Terry at 743-1265; she can answer many of your questions regarding being a homeowner on Aruba based on her own experience.

The Orgels will continue to live at Jardines Del Mar even after the sale of their property. They love the section of Eagle Beach which is only a block away, and Terry regularly participates in water aerobics at Windie's Water Sport Center, which is right next to their community. "Buying our own home in Aruba was the wisest thing we ever did; we couldn't be happier. We encourage anyone considering this move to take the plunge, it was well worth it!"

As the Caribbean's #1 return destination, we are all aware of how visitors are quickly won over by Aruba's many assets; the perfect weather and charming people always invoke thoughts of making it a winter or retirement home. Terry Orgel and her husband Richard made just such a choice when they toured the cozy Jardines Del Mar community adjacent to Eagle Beach a few years ago, purchasing not only a townhouse for their personal use, but an identical 3 bedroom/3 bath home as an investment.

"We were particularly impressed with the quality of construction and design; we love the high cathedral ceilings, along with the layout of the community," explains Terry, "the way the grounds and homes are maintained have convinced us we made the right choice."

Terry and Richard, natives of Memphis, also appreciate the feeling of small town community to which they were accustomed, and love the way they have come to know all their neighbors. They spend their winters on Aruba from December to April, and six weeks in the summer, escaping the worst cold and heat back home.

The unoccupied townhouse is in pristine condition; they are now putting it up for sale at the pre-construction price they paid for it, \$395,000. This is 20% less than the developers are asking for a new unit. "When we purchased, we considered renting it out, but then decided we just wanted to simplify our lives and not be landlords. We also believed real estate prices could only go up, but the world sit-



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Joran van der Sloot involved in prison stabbings

Murder suspect Joran van der Sloot has been involved in several stabbing incidents while in prison in Peru, magazine Panorama reports yesterday.

The magazine says Van der Sloot, who is charged with murdering a young Peruvian woman, has stabbed three different people, one of whom required emergency treatment.

Panorama says Van der Sloot, 23, is a heavy drug

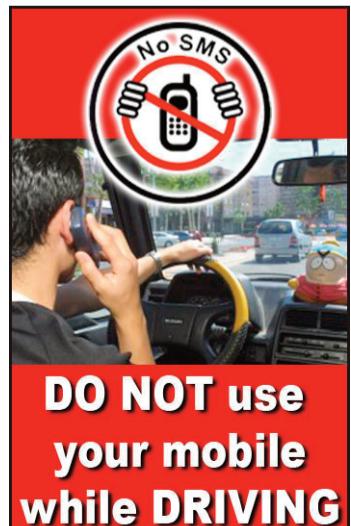
user in prison. 'He has been put into solitary confinement several times but comes out even more angry,' one source said.

Van der Sloot is also suspected of involvement in the disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway on the Caribbean island of Aruba nearly six years ago.

Van der Sloot's lawyer Maximo Altez does not deny his client has been involved in the stabbing incidents, Panorama says.

Meanwhile, in the U.S. Lifetime Television's Original Movie, Justice for Natalee Holloway, a follow-up to the Lifetime Movie Network original Natalee Holloway, will premiere on Monday, May 9, at 9 pm ET/PT.

Justice for Natalee Holloway closes in on the ongoing mystery of what exactly happened to the Alabama teenager who in 2005 mysteriously disappeared during her senior class trip to Aruba.



Bruce and Sharon Sommers honored at the Divi Village Resort



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Bruce and Sharon Sommers as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honor was bestowed on them for their more than 10 consecutive year vacationing here. During a small ceremony on their behalf, Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes presented the Sommers with a beautiful plaque, thanking them for their love and loyalty towards our island. Also present were Gerrith Griffith and Hilda from the Divi Village Resort.



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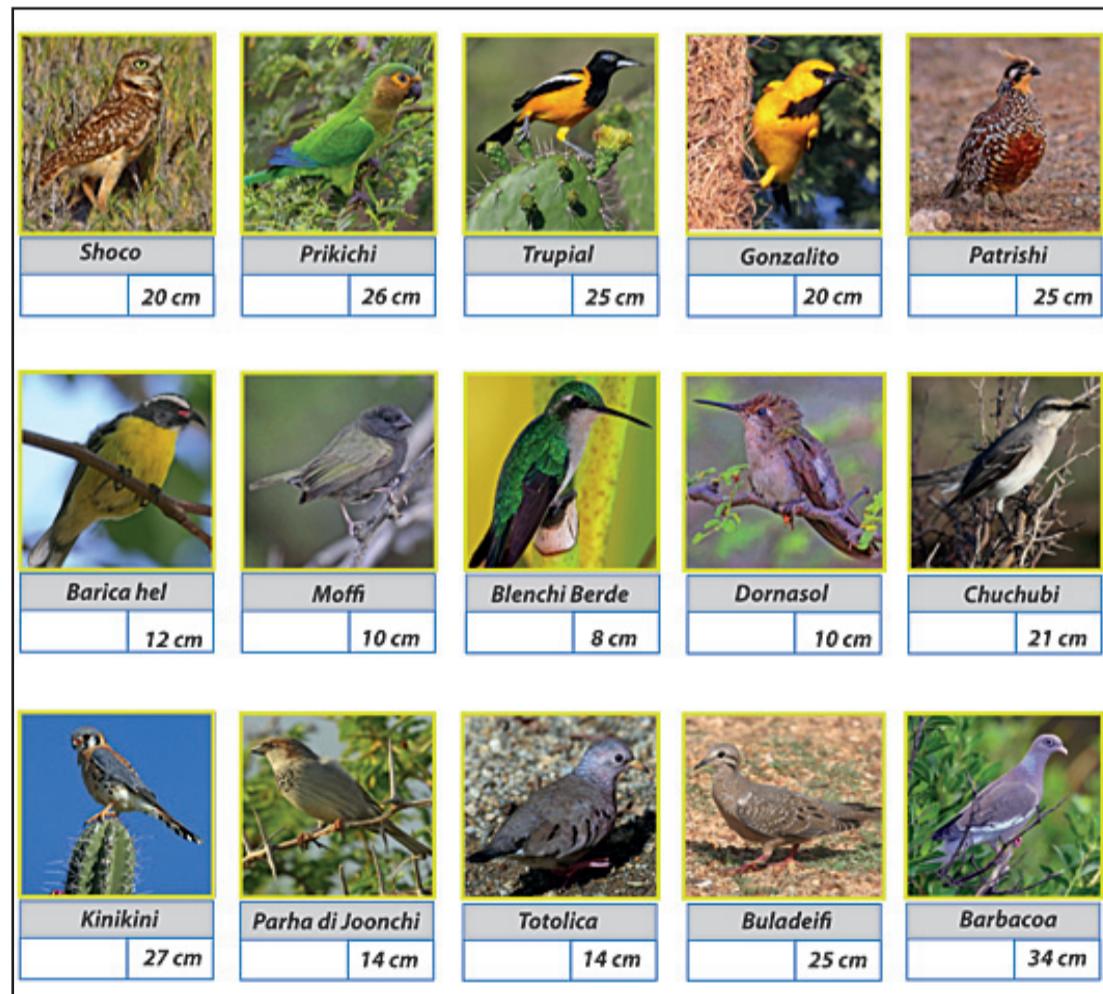
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ORANJESTAD – The Department of Culture reminds everyone that the last day to submit the forms of the National Bird Count held on March 18 - Aruba's National Anthem and Flag Day, is Friday, April 15, 2011. The

forms can be delivered at the offices of the Department of Culture next to the San Francisco Church in Oranjestad.

The Department kindly ask for the forms to be delivered in time, and extend their gratitude to all who con-

tributed to the Bird Count and improved environment management for Aruba.

For more information, readers may contact the Department of Culture at tel. 582-2185

Martha van der Kuijp wins a Toyota Yaris at Seaport Casino



Martha van der Kuijp entered the Seaport Casino, The casino that gives way more cars per year than any other, with a feeling that she would not go home empty handed. Indeed, after playing the "Five Times Pay" slots machine for one hour, she hit the 'Mystery Bonus' combination and to her surprise and delight, won a brand new Toyota Yaris. An ecstatic Martha expressed she is more than happy and thrilled to find her premonition did not fail her. Photo shows Martha receiving received the keys of her car from Slot-Host Supervisor Myenou Antonia. Seaport Casino has once more made another patron happy with a brand new car

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17. Boxing results (abbr.)

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24. Start a bridge game25. Pitch
26. Christmas time

31. Pub beverage

32. Busy bee at tax time (abbr.)

33. Mauna _____

34. Western Union dispatch

37. French islands

38. '30s relief agency (abbr.)

39. Make safe

41. Profile

44. Mommy's

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45. _____ roast
46. Hollywood spectacles

50. _____ "Impossible"

53. Larter of TV's "Heroes"

54. Tortilla sandwiches

55. Mine stuff

56. Born as

57. Large number

58. Forty winks

DOWNS

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2. Canadian prov.

3. "Holy" fish

4. Eliminate

5. Lyric lines

6. Iced drink

7. Lassie, e.g.
8. Soft French cheese
9. Shortened form, for short10. Darkens
12. Workshop clamp

18. Wise old bird

20. New York time (abbr.)

21. Fireside _____

22. Control

23. Brand of stretchy material

24. Assign fault

27. _____ tree (cornered, 2 wds.)

28. Mirage, e.g.

29. Active type

30. Comfort

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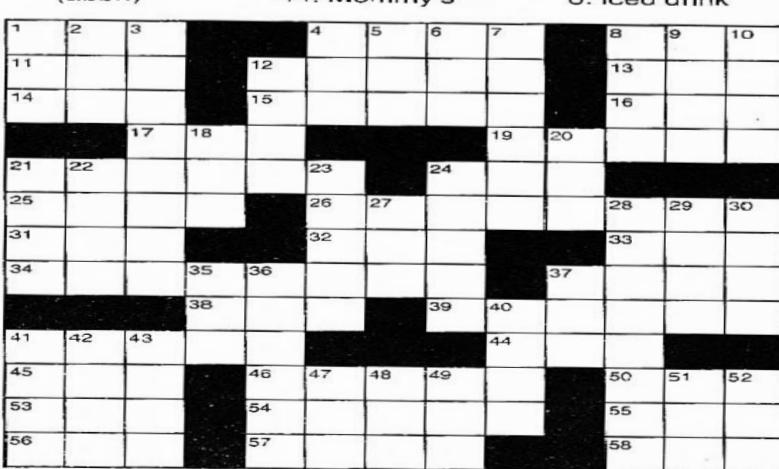
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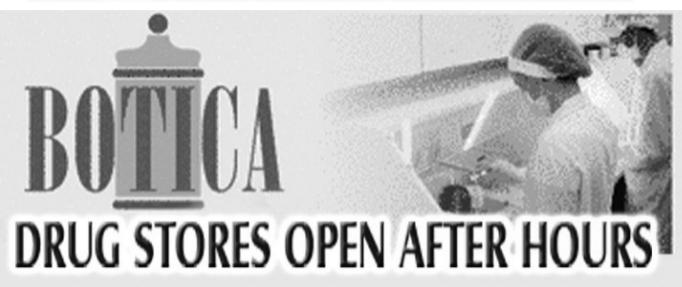
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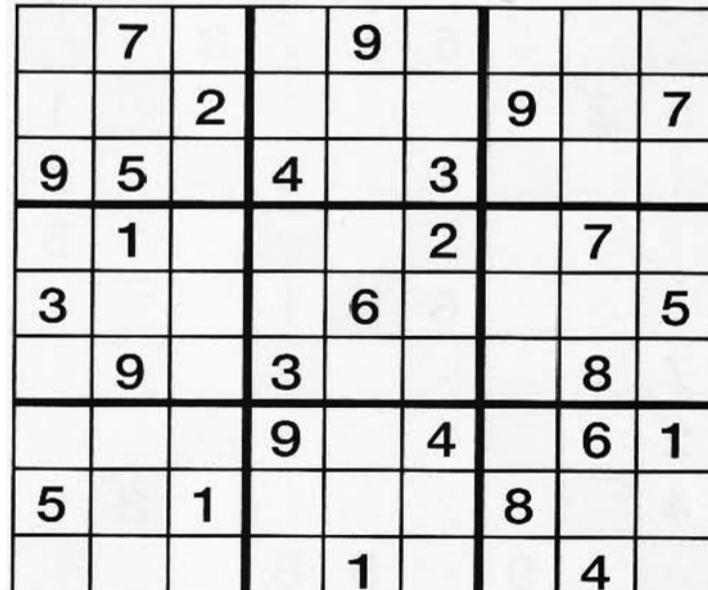
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6	1	4	5	8	2	3	7	9
9	5	6	1	5	3	7	8	4
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EU seals trade deal with Colombia, Peru

BRUSSELS (AFP) – European Union trade commissioner Karel De Gucht initialled yesterday a "milestone" package opening up trade and investment to and from Colombia and Peru.

The package of measures, estimated by the European Commission "to be worth overall half a billion euros in duties saved alone," will eliminate tariffs in all industrial and fisheries products, the EU executive said.

It will also "increase market access for agricultural products, improve access to public procurement, services and investment markets, further reduce technical barriers to trade, and establish common disciplines including on intellectual property rights, transparency and competition."

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US online ad revenue hits record \$26 billion



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US online advertising revenue rose 15 percent last year to a record \$26 billion, the Interactive Advertising Bureau and PricewaterhouseCoopers said yesterday.

US online advertising revenue increased 19 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier to \$7.45 billion, also a record, the IAB and PwC said.

Search advertising accounted for \$12 billion, or 46 percent of total online ad revenue last year, while display-related advertising totaled \$9.9 billion, or 38 percent of total online ad revenue, they said.

Display advertising includes rich media, digital video and banner ads.

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Europe pushes plans to hike diesel, coal taxation

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Commission pushed controversial plans yesterday for a tax on carbon emissions to promote clean energy use by increasing the cost of dirty fuels such as coal and diesel.

The aim is "to promote energy efficiency and consumption of more environmentally-friendly products," the European Union executive said. It would tax carbon dioxide emissions at 20 euros per ton while also taxing the "actual energy that a product generates" -- at 9.60 euros per gigajoule for motor fuels and 0.15 euros per gigajoule for heating fuels.

The idea is for the 27 EU states "to redesign their overall tax structures in a way that contributes to growth and employment by shifting taxation from labour to consumption."



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EU fines washing powder cartel

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) – They claim whiter than white results but housewives got proof of price-fixing yesterday as the makers of Ariel and Persil agreed to pay 315 million euros (\$456 million) in fines for running a washing-powder cartel.

Global giants Procter & Gamble and Unilever will pay fines of 211.2 million euros and 104 million euros respectively after reaching settlements with the European Commission which polices business abuses across the European Union's market of half a billion consumers.

Germany's Henkel was also listed as a member of the cartel that operated for more than three years at the start of the last decade but it escaped any fine, having revealed the sharp practices initially in 2008.

"I will not name the brands but they all feature prominently on the shelves of supermarkets," EU competition commissioner Joaquin Almunia said.

He would not put a figure on how much the companies gained from the secret deal to fix prices that arose out of a trade association plan to "improve the environmental performance" of detergents.

"Henkel, Procter & Gamble and Unilever engaged in anti-competitive practices ... on their own initiative and at their own risk ... to protect their own market share," Almunia said.

But the commissioner said he hoped the fine would prove "deterrent enough" and warned that companies in all business sectors "should be under no il-

lusion that the commission will pursue its relentless fight against cartels, which extract higher prices from consumers than if companies compete fairly."

The Spaniard said the cartel came about so as "to ensure that none of them would use (the environmental) initiative to gain competitive advantage over the others by decreasing prices."

The companies fixed prices in Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands.

P&G and Unilever obtained a 10 percent reduction in the fines, based on associated business turnover, for holding their hands up after raids by inspectors.

Unilever said it was now training all key European product managers to ensure strict adherence to EU competition rules while Henkel also insisted it had taken measures to ensure there would be no repeat.

Gold prices to strike records above \$1,600 this year, says GFMS

LONDON, England (AFP) – Record-breaking gold will likely surge past \$1,600 per ounce for the first time later this year, driven by fears over high inflation and low global interest rates, consultancy GFMS forecast yesterday.

"We would not be surprised ... to see gold break through \$1,600 before the end of the year," said GFMS chairman Philip Klapwijk in the group's latest report.

The forecast, which was unchanged from the previous prediction given in January, comes after gold hit a record \$1,478.18 per ounce in London on Monday.

Klapwijk added: "Investors continue to be concerned about

the outlook for inflation, with governments in general showing little appetite to tighten monetary policy.

"And, with the spotlight also shining on the state of government finances, there is every reason to believe that investors will remain focused on the gold market.

"Furthermore, growing price acceptance by consumers will help lift jewellery demand ... and provide a firm platform for investors to take gold higher," Klapwijk said.

In recent weeks and months, gold has surged ahead as investors sought safety amid fears over the weak dollar, high inflation, Middle East unrest and euro-

zone debt.

The glamorous precious metal, whose two main drivers are jewellery and investment buyers, is widely regarded as a safe haven in times of economic and political uncertainty, and a good store of value amid soaring inflation.

Klapwijk told reporters that in real terms, today's prices were still below historical peaks. Gold trading at \$850 an ounce in 1980 was the equivalent of \$2,248 in 2010, he said.

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Although Africa is the native land of the ostrich, this intriguing bird finds a perfect home in Aruba's rugged landscape. The Aruba Ostrich Farm welcomes you to come and meet its 80-count flock of the largest living species in the world.

Visitors are encouraged to partake in a guided tour of the farm, inhabited by both ostriches and their flightless Australian relatives, emus. The tour provides the opportunity to learn about the natural behavior and survival instincts of these amazing creatures through detailed information as well as personal encounters with the birds.

Before or after the tour, guests are welcome to peruse the African Art Shop, chock-full of authentic goods from South Africa. Or simply relax in the shade of the sprawling Savanna Lodge Bar & Restaurant and sample a delicious ostrich meat dish. Enjoy the panoramic views of the island's northern coast while sipping on a fruity shake or frosty beer from the bar.

The Aruba Ostrich Farm is dedicated to providing a mem-



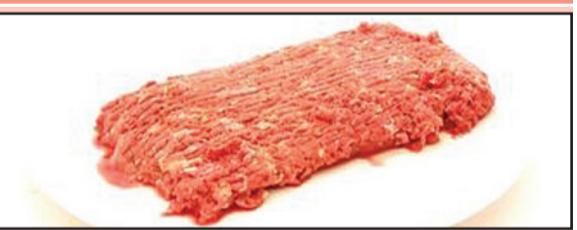
orable and unique experience for all guests. It's one of the things you have to do when you are at Aruba.

The ostrich farm is located along the road leading to the

Natural Bridge (Matividiri 57). Opening hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with tour every half hour. Kitchen opening hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

-- Facts About Ostrich Meat --

Ostrich is a bird and its meat comes under poultry. Unlike the meat of most of the other birds that come under poultry, ostrich meat is red. Ostrich meat is considered as red meat and is fast replacing beef and other red meat, due to various reasons. The following are some of the ostrich meat facts that can help you understand the reasons for its popularity.



- Ostrich meat resembles beef in looks and taste, but it is very low in calories, fat and cholesterol.

- When compared to other types of white meat, like chicken and turkey, ostrich meat has low fat content and the calories in ostrich meat is also very low. To be more precise, ostrich meat has 66% less fat than beef, 50% less fat than chicken and less calories than chicken, turkey, pork, lamb and beef.

- Ostrich meat is rich in proteins and contains more iron than beef, lamb, turkey, chicken and pork.

- Unlike chicken and turkey, there is no breast meat for ostrich. Ostrich meat is mostly taken from the legs, thighs and the back of these birds.

- It can also be observed that ostrich meat does not have fat marbling, as seen in beef. As the fat in these birds is deposited outside the muscles, the fatty parts are easily removed at the time of processing itself.

- The popularity of ostrich meat may also be due to its sweeter and richer taste when compared to other types of meat. You can buy it as burgers, sausages, fillets, prime steaks, diced and stir fry. This meat can also be used as a replacement for other meats in your favorite recipes.

- If you want to try out some recipes, the following information may help you. If the cut meat is labeled as tender, it should be broiled, grilled or fried and those with medium-tender ratings should be poached or braised. For roasting and stir-frying, you can use all cuts. The leg meat of ostrich is mostly processed or ground.

- For cooking, it has to be noted that ostrich meat cooks faster, as it has very low fat content.

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Travolta relishes 'untold' mob story



NEW YORK (AFP) – John Travolta says his upcoming performance as an infamous New York mafia boss will offer audiences a movie they can't refuse.

The star, set to play late Gambino crime family boss John Gotti joined director Nick Cassavetes and the mobster's son John "Junior" Gotti to reveal details about the film "Gotti: Three Generations."

"This is probably the most interesting untold story in this country. What a character to approach!" Travolta told a press conference in New York, where the film, also

starring Joe Pesci and possibly Lindsay Lohan, will be shot later this year.

Travolta called Gotti, who died in prison in 2002, an old school mafioso who lived by "a moral code."

In his long and bloody career as head of one of the historic five New York Italian mafia families, Gotti won public sympathy for his stylish appearance and wit. He was known as the "Dapper Don" and also the "Teflon Don" for his longtime ability to beat federal prosecutors in court.

Film reps would not reveal who is being cast to play Gotti's son. Although not as flamboyant as his father, he also sports the dapper look and turned up to the press conference in a grey suit and open-necked shirt.

The film, due for release in 2012, will co-star Pesci as Gotti's deputy Angelo Ruggiero, and possibly also Lohan, who attended the press conference alongside a row of bejeweled Gotti family members.

Obamas return to Oprah, as TV chat show winds down



LOS ANGELES, California – President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle will appear together on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in May, as the TV chat show queen nears the end of her 25-year reign.

The White House and publicists for the daily TV show said the Obamas would tape their appearance in Chicago on April 27, and the show will air on May 2.

Publicists said it would be the Obamas' first joint appearance on "Oprah" since 2006.

Deer stands guard over goose nest in cemetery



BUFFALO, New York – A

doubt what's going on."

The deer, which he said looks like a buck that has shed its antlers, has not strayed from his post.

Employees at the cemetery were alerted to the situation after the animal positioned itself between the bird and an employee of a company that traps and relocates geese, which Thomas said have become a messy problem in large numbers.

"When he approached the bird with a net, the deer puts itself between him and the bird, and he's repeated that behavior for some time," he said.

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Ronaldo sends Real through to Barca date



LONDON (AFP) - Real Madrid secured a Champions League semi-final showdown with Barcelona as Cristiano Ronaldo punished Heurelho Gomes's blunder to clinch a 1-0 win over Tottenham in the quarter-final second leg on Wednesday.

Jose Mourinho's side already had one foot in the last four after romping to a 4-0 victory in the first leg and the 5-0 aggregate success sets up an epic installment of their 'El Clasico' feud with bitter rivals Barca.

Tottenham had two decent penalty claims turned down at White Hart Lane, but their hopes were extinguished when Brazilian goalkeeper Gomes allowed Ronaldo's shot to squirm into the net early in the second half.

Mourinho can now look forward to another semi-final meeting with Barca, who were eliminated by the Portuguese coach when he was in charge at Inter Milan last season.

Real and Barca will fight for three trophies over the next month as they are also scrapping for the La Liga title and clash in the Spanish Cup final.

Harry Redknapp did a good job of making Tottenham's mission impossible seem slightly less implausible at his upbeat pre-match

press conference but, for all his faith in a miraculous escape, he knew no team had ever come back from four goals down in the second leg of a Champions League tie.

Redknapp's side needed an early breakthrough to make Madrid nervous.

Gareth Bale led the way as he fired over a shot that Iker Casillas could only parry. From the rebound Luka Modric appeared to be fouled by Xabi Alonso, but Spurs' penalty appeals were rejected by referee Nicola Rizzoli.

Another incisive burst from Bale left two Madrid defenders trailing in his wake before the Welsh winger was finally crowded out. Mourinho responded by turning to his bench with a look of admiration as much as relief etched across his face.

The Real boss was glued to the edge of his technical area and he had another scare in the 26th minute as Spurs created their first clear chance.

Rafael van der Vaart's turn and quick pass sent Aaron Lennon away down the right and his cross looked perfect for Roman Pavlyuchenko, only for the Russian to shoot wildly over the bar.

Despite having five stars one booking away from a European suspension, Mourinho had sent out a full-strength team.

He knows how desperately Real crave a tenth success in the Champions League and was determined to make sure there was no shock collapse.

The move slightly back-fired when Ricardo Carvalho was booked for a foul on Tom Huddlestone, ruling the defender out of the semi-final first leg. But Mourinho's men remained firmly in control of their main aim of reaching the last four.

Rizzoli turned down another penalty claim for Raul Albiol's trip on Pavlyuchenko, while Bale's 'goal' was rightly ruled out as Luka Modric was standing offside when he headed back to his team-mate.

Tottenham's hopes were fading by the minute and a horrendous mistake by Gomes put the tie completely beyond their reach five minutes into the second half.

Ronaldo was 25 yards out when he let fly and the Portugal forward's effort seemed to be heading straight to Gomes, only for the keeper to fumble the ball out of his grasp and into the net.

Although Pavlyuchenko should have equalised from Van der Vaart's cross and William Gallas hit a post, Spurs' memorable European campaign was finally at an end.

Uchida makes Champions League history for Japan as Schalke send Inter tumbling



Schalke's Japanese defender Atsuto Uchida (L) and Inter Milan's Japan forward Yuto Nagatomo vie for the ball

GELSENKIRCHEN, (AFP) - Schalke 04 defender Atsuto Uchida made his own piece of football history on Wednesday when he became the first Japanese player to qualify for the semi-finals of the Champions League.

Former Schalke coach Felix Magath signed Uchida from Kashima Antlers for 1.4 million euros.

And Rangnick has only words of praise for him.

"I've only known him for three and a half weeks but he's impressed me a lot so far," said Rangnick, who took over from Magath last month.

"He's still young, but very mature, very fast and he can go far."



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Hamilton breaks arm in 'stupid' move

DETROIT, Michigan (AFP) – The Texas Rangers' American League Most Valuable Player Josh Hamilton will miss up to eight weeks after breaking his arm in a play that Hamilton called "stupid".

Hamilton broke his upper right arm on a head-first dive into home plate on Tuesday night in a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

He was on third base, after a head-first slide on an RBI triple in the first inning, when Adrian Beltre popped a foul ball up toward the Tigers' dugout.

Third baseman Brandon Inge and catcher Victor Martinez both chased the ball, leaving the plate unprotected, so Hamilton tried to get home.

He was tagged by Martinez and hurt on the play.

"It was a stupid play," Hamilton said. "The whole time the ball was in the air, the coach was yelling, 'Go, there's no one at home,' and I was thinking, 'I don't want to do this, something is going to happen.'

"But I listened to my coach," he said, referring to third-base coach Dave Anderson. "It was way too aggressive. Maybe if they had both been closer to me, but they had a perfect angle to cut me off, and the only way to avoid a tag in that situation is to go head first."

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels defended the coach's decision.

"We play an aggressive style of baseball," he said. "The chances of getting hurt on that play are minimal."

Hamilton has a non-displaced fracture of the humerus bone just below his shoulder.

The fracture was so small that it didn't show on an X-ray, but an MRI revealed the injury.

Tiger says his game is still improving



BEIJING (AFP) – After his last-minute charge at the Masters came up short, golf great Tiger Woods said Wednesday he is still getting better and is ready to take

risks to get back to the top of the game.

Woods fired a five-under par 67 on Sunday and briefly grabbed a share of the Masters lead on the front and

Oilers get 1st pick for second-straight year

TORONTO, Canada (AFP) – The Edmonton Oilers finally got some good news in an otherwise frustrating season as they earned the right to pick first overall in the National Hockey League's draft for a second-straight year.

New Jersey won the draft lottery Tuesday, but the eighth place Devils couldn't move up more than four spots, leaving Edmonton with the first overall pick.

The Devils will pick fourth, the New York Islanders fifth and the Ottawa Senators dropped to the sixth spot, with Colorado and

Florida fitting into the second and third spot, respectively.

After finishing its season in 30th place, the Oilers held the best odds of getting the No. 1 pick.

The NHL draft is scheduled for June 24-25 in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Western Hockey League star Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the Red Deer Rebels is expected to be taken first overall.

Right behind Nugent-Hopkins on the depth chart is Swedish defenceman Adam Larsson, who spent this season playing in the Swedish Elite League.

back nines but settled for a share of fourth for the second year in a row, finishing on 10-under 278 after 72 holes.

Immediately after the Augusta event, Woods headed to China for a series of promotional appearances, including Wednesday's chat with Olympic gold medal winning hurdler Liu Xiang that had both discussing their comeback efforts.

"In order to become better, you have to take risks -- that's just a part of becoming better," Woods told a group of students at the Beijing Sports University.

"I believe deep down that I will become better. Sometimes you have to take a step or two back in order to take a giant leap forward."

The 14-time major champion has not won in 22 starts since his infamous sex scandal erupted in November 2009, having spent much of the time working on changes to his swing to ease damage to his surgically repaired knees.

"We all have difficulties that we are going through, that we run into, and we all have to deal with that," he said.

"I'm going to try to become a better person each and every day... change is good, if you are not getting better, you are getting worse."

Woods, chasing Jack

Nicklaus' record of 18 majors, has not finished better than he did Sunday since his comeback began last April at Augusta National.

He added that he was prepared to retire if he did not improve and start winning again.

"For me, I will retire when my best is not good enough, when I go out there and play my best... I can't win, I'm done," Woods said.

US sports clothing and equipment giant Nike organised the appearance of the two stars, both of whom have lucrative sponsorship deals with the company.

Liu, who won China's first-ever track gold medal at the 2004 Athens Games and is a former world record holder in the 110 metre hurdles, is coming back from an Achilles tendon injury that kept him out of the 2008 Beijing Games.

In November, Liu ran 13.09 seconds in the race, the third fastest in the world last year, as he won his third consecutive Asian Games title.

"Right now my form is pretty good. The key for me is that I still must continue to push myself," said Liu, who is hoping to win a medal at next year's London Olympics.

"At the Asian Games, I felt pretty good. I hope this year that I can get better in all areas."



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Home run king Bonds guilty of obstruction



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A jury convicted US home run king Barry Bonds of obstruction of justice Wednesday for giving misleading and evading testimony in a 2003 steroid probe.

Jurors were deadlocked on three additional counts of perjury, and US District Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on those.

Prosecutors did not immediately indicate whether they will seek to retry Bonds on those counts.

Bonds is one of the biggest names to be caught up in the BALCO steroid distribution scandal.

The former San Francisco Giants Slugger broke Hank Aaron's revered record for career home runs with his 756th homer on August 7, 2007, going on to take his career tally to 762.

He also owns baseball's single-season records for home runs with 73 in 2001.

The jury's partial verdict came after almost four days of deliberations, which followed three weeks of testimony that occasionally became emotional or combative, as when Bonds' ex-girlfriend testified that he became prone to fits of steroid-related rage.

In one of the most dramatic courtroom moments, Kimberly Bell told jurors that Bonds threatened to "cut my head off and leave me in a ditch" and "cut out my breast implants because he paid for them."

Ex-New York Yankee Randy Velarde matter-of-factly told jurors about Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, injecting him with human growth hormone in a series of parking lot meetings in 2002.

Marvin Benard, a former San Francisco Giants teammate of Bonds, explained he started getting drugs from

Anderson after the trainer advised him against taking veterinary steroids he bought in Mexico.

Prosecutors had hoped jurors would infer that Anderson gave Bonds the same drugs and find Bonds guilty of lying when he denied knowingly taking anabolic steroids and human growth hormone.

Bonds was also accused of lying when he denied to the 2003 grand jury that Anderson had ever injected him.

Bonds appeared calm as the verdict was read in court.

His case is the fourth BALCO-related perjury case to result in a conviction. BALCO is the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, the Northern California steroids mill that distributed then-unetectable steroids to elite athletes.

While federal sentencing guidelines are 15 to 21 months, US District Judge Susan Illston has been reluctant to impose prison time in related cases.

Olympic cyclist Tammy Thomas received house arrest after being convicted of lying about steroids to a grand jury.

Athletics coach Trevor Graham was also confined to his home after he was found guilty of misleading investigators.

Sprint star Marion Jones, sentenced by a different federal judge, is the only athlete so far to receive prison time for lying during the probe.

Although it's unlikely Bonds will end up behind

bars, the felony conviction could damage his chances at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

His links to BALCO have long made Bonds a divisive figure among baseball fans.

Even as crowds cheered

his record-breaking 756th home run in 2007, rumors of steroid use hung over the slugger. Bonds has consistently denied his late-career achievements were fueled by banned drugs.

'King' James jersey out-sells Bryant's



NEW YORK (AFP) - LeBron James was cast as a villain by some for his move from Cleveland to Miami, but that hasn't stopped fans making his Heat jersey the top-seller in the NBA.

Sales of James' jersey passed those of Lakers star Kobe Bryant this season, making James No. 1 for the first time since his rookie campaign with Cleveland in 2004.

When James opted to leave Cleveland as a free agent last summer and move to Miami, some Cavs fans burned his old No. 23 Cavs jerseys to demon-

strate their wrath.

But his No. 6 Heat jersey is a hot commodity.

Bryant dropped to No. 2 on the list announced Wednesday, while Boston's Rajon Rondo moved up to third. Rondo was one of five Celtics among the top 15.

Bryant had been No. 1 since the start of the 2008-09 season on the list, which is based on sales on NBASTORE.com since the start of the 2010-11 season.

Amare Stoudemire (4th) and Carmelo Anthony (8th) also made the top 10 in their first seasons as Knicks.

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